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- 1. CHIEF BULGARIAN NEGOTIATOR (KARASLAVOV) CONFIRMS DECEMBER 12 SATISFACTORY DATE TO BEGIN TALKS. WHILE THIS MEANS SCHEDULE PROPOSED REF FOR ARRIVAL LEGAL EXPERT IS ACCEPTABLE, EMBASSY EMPHASIZES THAT BOTH BULGARIANS AND WE ESTIMATE A MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK WILL BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS AND FINAL EDITING. ASSUME EXPERT PLANS REMAINING IN SOFIA UNTIL ALL POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED. LOOK FORWARD TO IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPERT DECEMBER 11. PLEASE CONFIRM ARRIVAL DATE OY COB NOVEMBER 15 SO KARASLAVOV CAN BE INFORMED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ABROAD.
- 2. EMBASSY ENVISAGES DUAL NATIONAL QUESTION WILL BE LAST ISSUE RESOLVED AND THEN AT DIFFERENT LEVEL, THEREFORE, TO PRESS ISSUE FURTHER AT THIS TIME MIGHT HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON NEGOTIATIONS.

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